

Murray Arts Advisory Board  
Minutes for February 16, 2010

Attendance: John Madsen, Jennifer Davies, Mary Black, Mildred Horton, Judy Baxendale, Kathleen Sorenson, Lynn Chatterton (foundation), Mary Ann Kirk (staff)  
Excused: Wendi Miller, Sharon Whitney, Elaine Judd

1. Minutes for January 19, 2010 were approved as written.
2. Mary Ann explained again about the process to apply for county funds for the performing arts center. The county will require an operational plan which is now completed and was presented to the city council prior to this meeting. Board members were very impressed with this presentation. It gave us a solid plan to make the facility financially sound. The county will also require a schematic design with projected costs which the city consultants for Murray's downtown master plan are working on. Another requirement will be a financial feasibility study to determine revenue sources to build the facility. Lynn suggested the foundation could take the lead on this. They need to contact foundations, corporations, and individual donors to determine and document potential interest in providing funding for this project. The city will need to have spent or have 10% of the amount they are asking from the county set aside. The money we have spent to acquire the property could be eligible for this requirement. It would be good to be one of the first applicants. County funding is not there now but the process could take up to a year. We are not sure what the actual costs would be. Figures have ranged from \$12 - \$24 million. Mary Ann didn't know if that included both hard and soft costs. Lynn thought the Covey Center for the Arts cost \$12 million.
3. Mary Ann reviewed the following:
  - . Judy will help find judges for the literary competition.
  - . The film camp we were discussing last time was really a movie camp. She did talk to Mr. Moffett about film making and he expressed some interest. This is not high on her priority at the moment.
  - . Elaine Judd will be attending a performance by the improv group to see what the performance is like.
  - . Summer musicals have been adjusted to include Annie, Cinderella, and Seven Brides.
4. Woodstock grant was clarified about how the requested money would be spent to pay the artist and the tiles. Mildred felt this request satisfied our guidelines. Mary Ann will verify the number of tiles. It looks like each of the designs will feature 10 tiles x 10 tiles which would be 100 pieces per design. The board recommended a grant of \$540 to pay the artist fee. Requested \$1200. The school and PTA could come up with the other funds for the tile. Mary Ann mentioned that the high school may request a mini grant to cover a stipend for some professional musicians to come in and help prepare the students for competition while Mr. Wilson is gone.
5. The float design and possible theme were reviewed. Kathleen suggested the spirit of happy endings. That could relate to Miss Murray's theme of kindness. Mary thought it is getting too complicated to tie into July 24<sup>th</sup> parade and Miss Murray's platform. John thought the pioneer spirit was courage. Mary Ann said that many groups come up with similar ideas so it is important to think of something different. Board members liked the theme of Dreams Still Come True. The spirit of happily ever after is another option.